

1 Applicants are submitting new figure 16 to comply with the
examiner's request. No new matter is added by this drawing. Support for
the new drawing, showing a shear-resisting assembly made up of a plurality
of adjoining structural panels 49, is found in claims 33 and 34 as originally
5 submitted and in the specification at page 12, lines 16 through 32.

Allowable Subject Matter

In his office action, the examiner indicated that claims 2, 9, 10, 19,
21—23, 26, 31 and 33—35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent
10 form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening
claims.

New claims 36 through 47 have been added to the application to
incorporate the changes suggested by the examiner. No new matter is added
by these claims, since they are merely the rewritten dependent claims that
15 the examiner indicated would be allowable.

New independent claim 36 corresponds to original claim 2.
New independent claim 37 corresponds to original claim 9.
New claim 38 corresponds to original claim 10.
New independent claim 39 corresponds to original claim 19.
20 New claim 40 corresponds to original claim 21.
New independent claim 41 corresponds to original claim 22.
New claim 42 corresponds to original claim 23.
New independent claim 43 corresponds to original claim 26.
New independent claim 44 corresponds to original claim 31.
25 New independent claim 45 corresponds to original claim 33.
New claim 46 corresponds to original claim 34.
New independent claim 47 corresponds to original claim 35.

Conclusion

30 In view of the above, Applicants submit that the claims remaining in
the application are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the
rejections and objections is requested. Allowance of claims 36 through 47 at
an early date is solicited.

Applicants' attorney would be happy to answer any questions the
35 examiner may have regarding this application by phone at 510 832 4111.

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Respectfully submitted,

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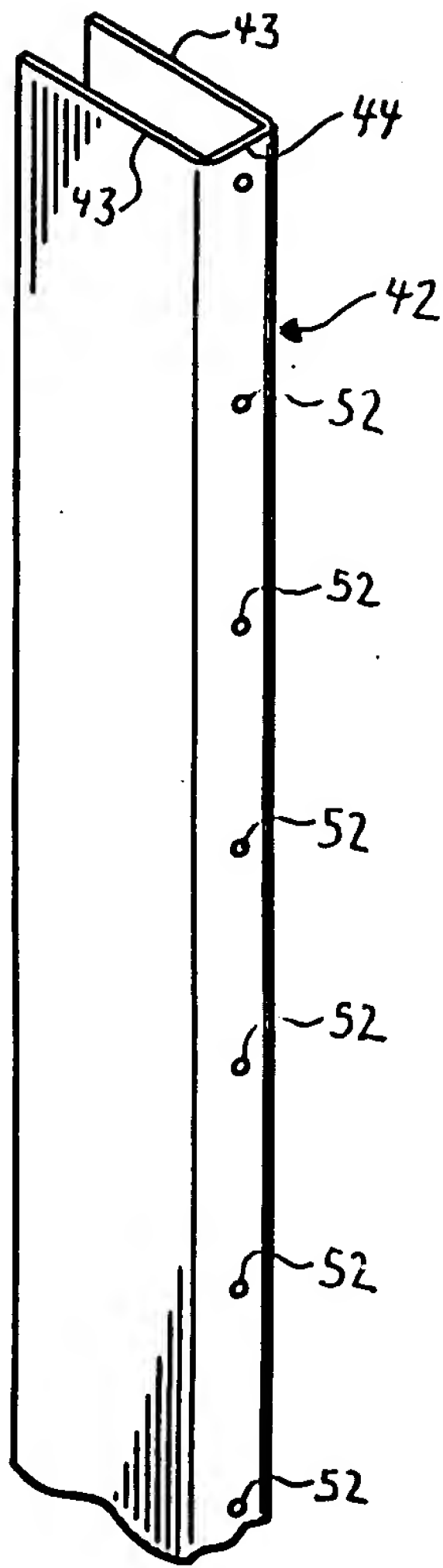


FIG. 3

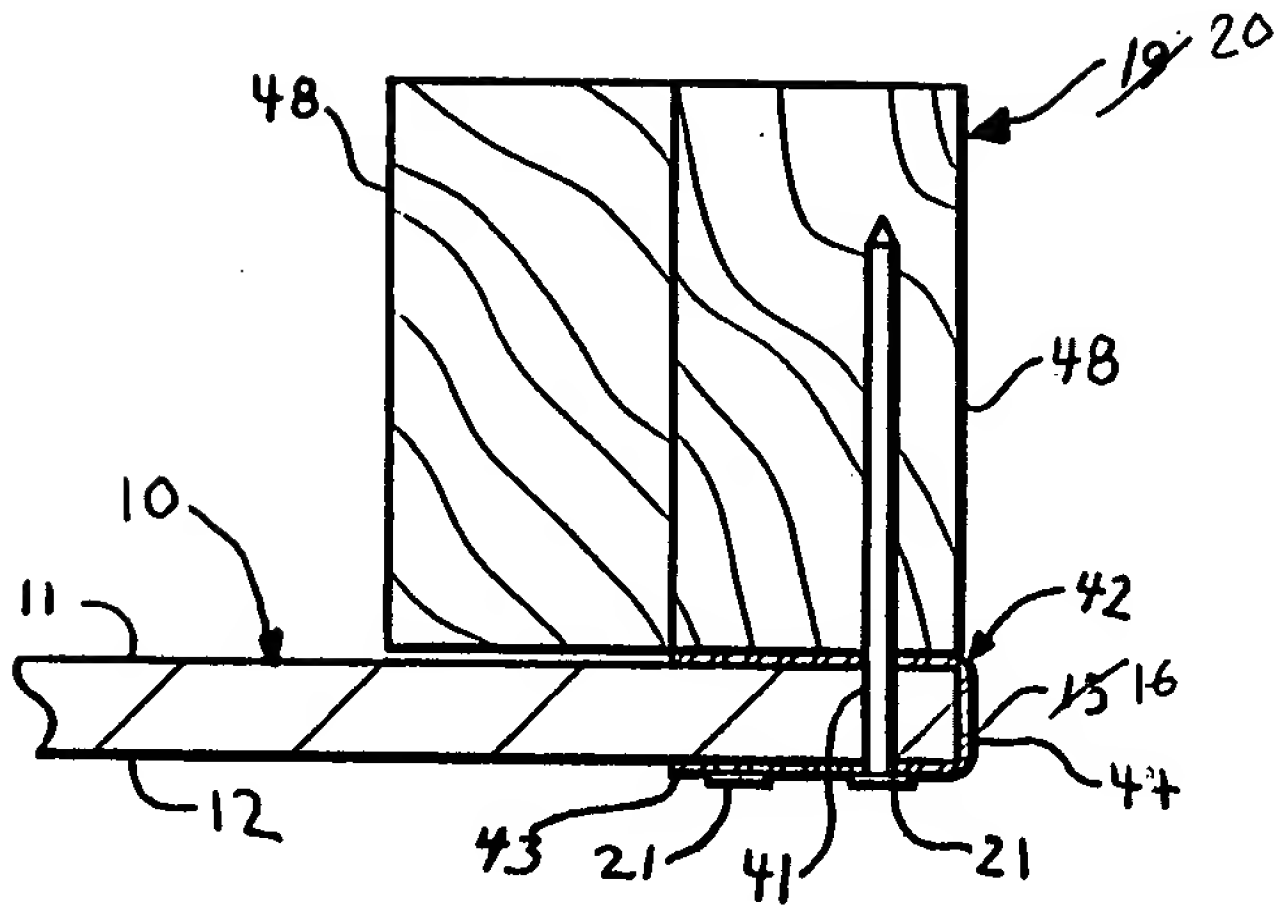


FIG. 4

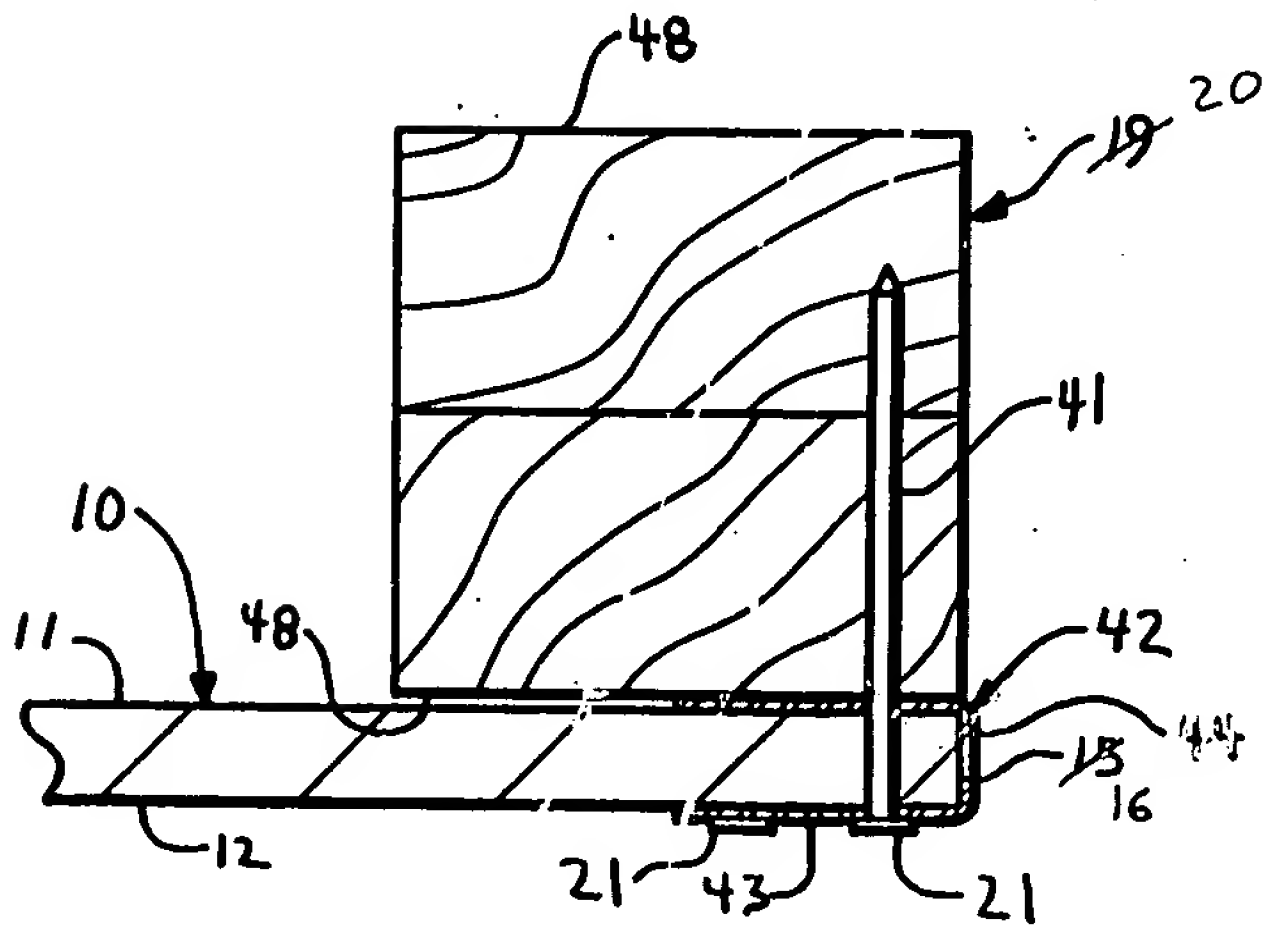


FIG. 5